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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

ADATIA, ASIF

Examiner

Thu Thao Havan

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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**Detailed Action**

***Response to Arguments***

In view of the Appeal Brief filed on June 13, 2005, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED. The new non-final office action set forth below.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

- (1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,
- (2) request reinstatement of the appeal.

If reinstatement of the appeal is requested, such request must be accompanied by a supplemental appeal brief, but no new amendments, affidavits (37 CFR 1.130, 1.131 or 1.132) or other evidence are permitted. See 37 CFR 1.193(b)(2).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims **1-23** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by  
Abdelnur et al. (US 6,052,673).

Re claims **1** and **9**, Abdelnur teaches an automated securities order execution system (para. 0005) comprising:

order entering means for a client to enter an order (para. 0023; fig. 2; Abdelnur teaches order entering means as input means.);

at least one filtering means for determining whether the order can be automatically executed (para. 0038; abstract; Abdelnur teaches filtering approach to matching functionality. He discloses a rule based filter to determine whether the passive order matches the active order based upon a rule based criteria, and pricing any matched order.);

routing means for routing the order to a destination based upon the determination made by each of said at least one filtering means (fig. 4);

executing means for executing the order (para. 0033-0037; fig. 2; Abdelnur teaches execution by exchange engines.);

reporting means for reporting the result of the order execution to the client (para. 0021; fig. 1, element 122).

Re claim **2**, Abdelnur teaches first filtering means for determining whether the order contains sufficient information to be executed (para. 0028).

Re claims **3, 7, 12, 17, and 22**, Abdelnur teaches second filtering means for determining whether the order can be automatically executed (para.0005; a computerized order matching system in Abdelnur corresponds to the claimed limitation of automatic execution.).

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Re claims 4-5, 10, 15, and 20, Abdelnur teaches second/third filtering means for determining whether an order to be automatically executed meets the criteria of the market on which the security is trade (para 0019).

Re claims 6, 11, 16, and 21, Abdelnur teaches if the order cannot be automatically executed, said routing means sends the order to a trader for manual execution (para. 0024).

Re claims 8, 13, 18, and 23, Abdelnur teaches executing means fills the order from inventory (para. 0020). Abdelnur fills the order from inventory by filling orders with an account identifier.

Re claims 14 and 19, Abdelnur teaches a system as claimed in claims 1 and 9. Therefore the rationale applied in the rejection of claims 1 and 9 applies herein. Furthermore, Abdelnur teaches at least one broker (para. 0018; fig. 1, element 104).

### **Conclusion**

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Friends et al, US patent no. 2001/0032165

Farhat et al, US patent no. 2001/0034693

Heffner et al., US patent no. 2003/0018558

Segal et al, US 6,049,783

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu Thao Havan whose telephone number is (571) 272-8111. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (571) 272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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